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1. CURFEW LIFTED IN LAHORE AT 0400 HOURS APRIL 25.
SCHEDULED TO BE REIMPOSED AT 1230 HOURS IN DOWNTOWN AREAS
(NORTH OF LAHORE CANAL) AND AT 1630 HOURS IN REMAINDER
OF CITY. PRESS REPORTS CURFEW AT BAHAWALNAGAR ENDED AT
0600 HOURS APRIL 25.

2. ALTHOUGH NOT PUBLICLY NAMED AS SUCH, IT APPEARS AS
IF FOURTH CORPS COMMANDER LT. GENERAL IQBAL KHAN IS IN
FACT LAHORE DISTRICT MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR. AT
LEAST, REQUESTS FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS FOR CURFEW
PASSES HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO HIM. (HE TURNED DOWN REQUESTS,
OFFERING INSTEAD TO PROVIDE CORRESPONDENT WITH MILITARY
TRANSPORTATION AND ESCORT DURING CURFEW HOURS.)

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3. PRESS COPY IS BEING SUBMITTED TO HOME SECRETARY
(ACTING IN BEHALF OF CHIEF SECRETARY OF PUNJAB) FOR PRE-
CENSORSHIP. REFLECTING NEW CENSORSHIP PROVISIONS, TODAY'S
PRESS IS VIRTUALLY DEVOID OF PNA NEWS. BOTH PAKISTAN
TIMES AND IMROZE FEATURE PROMINENTLY EXTENSIVE QUOTATION
FROM WASHINGTON POST APRIL 22 EDITORIAL CRITICIZING USG
HOLDING UP EXPORT LICENSE FOR TEAR GAS FOR PAKISTAN.

NAWA-I-WAQT CARRIES MUCH LESS EXTENSIVE REPORT.

4. IN ADDITION TO SIX PNA SUPPORTERS REPORTED ARRESTED DURING EVENING OF APRIL 23 FOLLOWING TWO WERE ARRESTED LATER THAT NIGHT: S.M. ZAFAR, VICE PRESIDENT OF MUSLIM LEAGUE, AND EHSAN ELAHI ZAHIR, TEHRIK LEADER. BEGUM SHAHEEN HANEEF RAMAY PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST FOR PERIOD OF ONE MONTH. CHAUDHRY REHMAT ELALI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF JAMAAT-E-ISLAMI, HAS BEEN NAMED ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF PNA. AMONG PROMINENT PNA LEADERS BELIEVED TO BE STILL FREE ARE: JAVED HASHMI (RELEASED FROM JAIL ON APRIL 20 -

LAHORE 0414); ABOU SAID ANWAR, TEHRIK LEADER; AND RAO MEHROZ AKTAR, PROMINENT NDP FIGURE IN PUNJAB.

5. WITH DRYING UP OF PUBLISHED NEWS CONCERNING PNA ACTIVITIES, THE RUMOR MILL IS BUSY. ONE OF STORIES GOING ROUNDS IS THAT PNA IS DISPATCHING 300 MOTOR SCOOTER RIDERS OUT TO DISSEMINATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR APRIL 30 MARCH ON RAWALPINDI (REFTEL). RUMOR HAS SOME PLAUSIBILITY BECAUSE PNA IS GENERALLY BELIEVED TO CONTROL LARGE NUMBER OF MOTOR SCOOTERS.
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